

# REGISTRAR

## DESCRIPTION

The Office of the General Registrar is charged with providing all facets of the electoral process to the citizens of Chesterfield County. This activity includes handling candidate matters as well as voter

concerns, carrying out the directives of the Chesterfield Electoral Board and the State Board of Elections, and following the requirements of the Code of Virginia as it pertains to election laws.

## FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

	<b>FY2000 Actual</b>	<b>FY2001 Adopted</b>	<b>FY2002 Biennial Planned</b>	<b>FY2002 Adopted</b>	<b>Change FY2001 to FY2002</b>	<b>FY2003 Projected</b>	<b>FY2004 Projected</b>	<b>FY2005 Projected</b>
<b>Personnel</b>	\$295,997	\$318,000	\$327,600	\$322,300	1.4%	\$332,000	\$342,100	\$352,500
<b>Operating</b>	304,198	240,400	242,900	242,800	1.0%	242,800	242,800	242,800
<b>Capital</b>	<u>34,000</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	-100.0%	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Total</b>	\$634,196	\$560,900	\$570,500	\$565,100	0.7%	\$574,800	\$584,900	\$595,300
<b>Revenue</b>	<u>134,501</u>	<u>80,000</u>	<u>82,400</u>	<u>84,000</u>	5.0%	<u>85,700</u>	<u>87,400</u>	<u>89,100</u>
<b>Net Cost</b>	\$499,694	\$480,900	\$488,100	\$481,100	0.0%	\$489,100	\$497,500	\$506,200
<b>FT Pos.</b>	5	6	6	6	0	6	6	6

## BUDGET ANALYSIS AND EVALUATION

The impact of the implementation of the National Voter Registration act (NVRA also known as "Motor Voter") that went into effect late in FY96, continued to affect workload levels in the Department. The implementation of this legislation introduced mail registration, registration at DMV offices, and registration at other government offices (such as social service offices, health departments and military recruitment offices). With the creation of these registrations, the frequency of the receipt of large numbers of applications has become a constant routine for the Registrar's Office, rather than a seasonal event as had been experienced in prior years.

The rate of increase of registered voters is generally a function of the elections being held. The presidential

election in FY2001 created a significant increase in registered voters in Chesterfield County. In FY2002, the Governor and Lieutenant Governor will be elected, as well as all members of the House of Delegates. The Registrar anticipates a continued increase in activity over the next fiscal year as a result of this election.

Redistricting will occur during FY2001, and perhaps into FY2002, which could have a major impact on future equipment and personnel needs. If more polling places are requested, more equipment and personnel will be needed. This issue will need to be addressed during the FY2002 budget year

## WHERE ARE WE GOING?

As mentioned above, due to the combination of County population growth and the National Voter

Registration Act, the Registrar anticipates continued growth in future years.

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The formula for determining polling locations, applicable staffing, and equipment is based on the number of registered voters. An increase in registered voters will have an impact on the funding required by the Registrar to meet polling place guidelines. There is also a nationwide effort to ensure compliance with handicapped accessibility to polling places. This is an issue that will be addressed during redistricting by attempting to locate as many, if not all, in government buildings. If this is not possible, then it may become necessary to take

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measures to bring privately owned facilities to minimum compliance. In addition, an increase in registered voters will affect the cost of election-related expenses.

The County is required by law to provide funding for all costs related to elections and will address these costs as they are incurred.

The Department's projections include minimal increases in personnel costs associated with anticipated increases in benefit costs.